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AT the Court at St. *James's*, the 3d of *January*, 1716.

PRESENT,

His Royal Highneſs the Prince of Wales, Guardian of the Kingdom, &c. in Council.

His Royal Highneſs having been pleaſed to deliver the Cuſtody of His Majeſty's Privy Seal to his Grace Evelyn Duke of Kingſtone; his Grace this Day in Council, had the Oath of Keeper of the Privy Seal adminiſtred to him, and took his Place at the Board accordingly. JA. VERNON.

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His Royal Highneſs was this Day pleaſed to appoint John Watſon, *Eſq*; Sheriff for the County *of* Suſſex.

JA. VERNON.

Madrid, Dec. 21. On the 12th Inſtant the Marqueſs de Risbourg arrived at Court, was immediately admitted to kiſs the King's Hand, and received with all Marks of Favour. He has ſince taken on him the Command of the Walloon Guards, having made a Repreſentation to His Majeſty in Behalf of the Walloon Troops, tho' without Effect for any thing that yet appears. He was 9 Years Governour of Galicia, where he had made himſelf much beloved by the People. The 5 Spaniſh Gallies, which ſerved laſt Summer in the Levant againſt the Turks, are arriv'd at Barcelona, having loſt but 25 Men of their Crews ſince the Month of May, when they put to Sea from Cartagena: 'Tis ſaid, that the Squadron of ſeven Gallies now in the Service of this Crown, will be reduced to four; and that the Charge of maintaining the other three, will be applied towards the reinforcing our Men of War, which are judged to be of more Uſe to the Kingdom, and eſpecially for ſecuring our Trade to the Weſt-Indies. The laſt Advices from Cadiz ſay, Sig. Martinet was getting in Readineſs to ſail the firſt fair Wind, with the Squadron under his Command for the South-Sea; and by the next Letters we expect to hear he is gone.

Dreſden, Dec. 30. Letters from Warſaw give an Account, that the Confederates create every Day freſh Difficulties, in order to obſtruct the Concluſion of the Treaty which has been ſo long depending. As to the Dyet, which by Agreement on both Sides for ſeveral Weeks had been ſettled ſhould be held as Extraordinary, and only to give a Sanction to the Articles ſtipulated in the Treaty; there are ſome who now begin to inſiſt upon having it held in the uſual and ordinary Manner, that they may have the Liberty of breaking it by the Diſſent of any one ſingle Perſon, and by that Means making the whole Negociation of no Effect: This was provided againſt by the Propoſal of holding an Extraordinary Dyet, for which 'tis agreed on all Hands there are ſufficient Precedents. They likewiſe raiſe Objections againſt certain Articles of the Treaty; particularly one by which the Biſhop of Cujavia had artfully exempted the Church-Lands from paying any Sort of Contributions towards the Maintenance of the Army. Theſe Advices add, that under Pretext of the Security of the Marſhals of the Confederacy, a conſiderable Detachment of the Troops of the Confederates had been drawn together near Praag on the Viſtula over againſt Warſaw. On the other Side, the Saxons who had Orders to continue their March into this Country are countermanded, and remain on the Frontiers of Pruſſia Great Poland and Sileſia; and how they will be diſpoſed of is yet uncertain: In the mean time the Imperial Miniſter Count Virmont has ſignified to the King, that if the Body of Troops agreed on to be taken into the Emperour's Service, were not ready by the 1ſt of January, his Maſter would be obliged to provide the like Number in their Room from other Parts. The Ruſſian Troops were advanced into the Heart of the Kingdom, and were raiſing Contributions. Count Flemming is expected here very ſoon from Poland, and 'tis given out he will reſign his Employment of Velt-Mareſchal, and apply himſelf wholly to Affairs of State.

Copenhagen, Dec. 29. The Tranſports with the Troops for Norway, which by the late Storm were forced to come back hither, ſailed again Yeſterday from this Road, under the Convoy of two Men of War.

Hague, Jan. 5. When the Treaty of Alliance between Great Britain France and this State, was ſign'd Yeſterday by the Britiſh and French Ambaſſadours, all the Deputies of the Provinces of this Republick Signed it likewiſe, except thoſe of Zealand; who having receiv'd an Account that their Principals have paſs'd a Reſolution to authorize them to ſign it, and expecting their full Powers in Form for that Purpoſe by the 7th Inſtant, have deſired the Britiſh and French Miniſters to keep the Treaty here till that Day, to which they have conſented, that it may be Signed by all the Provinces before it be tranſmitted to the reſpective Courts to be ratified. To Day the Lord Cadogan had a Conference with the Deputies of the States for foreign Affairs, who delivered to him a Reſolution of the States to enter into the Defenſive Alliance lately made between the Emperour and the King of Great-Britain.

Midds. *ſſ. Ad General' Seſſion' Pacis Domini Regis tent' pro Com'* Middleſexiæ, *apud* Hicks-Hall *in St.* John-ſtreet, *in Com. prædict' per adjorn' Die* Jovis *ſcilt' Sexto Die* Decembris, *Anno Regni Domini* Georgii, *nunc Regis* Magnæ Britanniæ, *&c. Tertio*; *coram* Johanne Milner, *Armigero*; Henrico Fetherſton, *Baronetto*; Ricardo Gough, Jacobo Miſſon, *Militibus*; Martino Ryder, Joſepho Offley, Roberto Thornhill, Ricardo Wool-